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REMARKS   

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25X1 1. Since mid-October 1950 the Artillerie Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder  
25X1 has again been occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops who  
wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia.  
About 80 soldiers were observed drilling without rifles on 21  
October 1950. Truck                      occupied by about 30 soldiers  
wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the barracks in-  
stallation. Twelve canvas-covered guns, apparently 76.2-mm AA  
guns, with the barrels elevated 90 degrees were parked in the  
barracks yard. On 24 October, 16 canvas-covered guns of about  
76.2 mm were parked in the yard and the following trucks,  
occupied by troops and towing eight 37-mm guns, entered the  
billeting area   

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25X1 On 28 October, about 20 trucks                                       
                                     left the barracks installation. (1)

25X1 2. On 21 October, the Buelow Kaserne was occupied to capacity by  
about 600 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some  
with tank insignia. Four canvas-covered tanks were parked in  
front of the garages. Trucks                                      carrying  
25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the billeting  
25X1 area. On 28 October about 25 soldiers were seen drilling and about  
100 troops undergoing infantry training without arms. (2)

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25X1 [redacted] were identified in the  
billeting area. (3)

4. Since mid-October, the Hindenburg Kaserne has again been occupied  
by 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank  
insignia. On 21 October, about 20 unarmed soldiers were seen  
drilling. Truck [redacted] occupied by 15 troops wearing red-bordered  
25X1 black epaulets, and passenger car [redacted] occupied by a high-  
ranking officer, left the installation. (4)

5. The Hofbauer Kaserne quartered 40 to 60 troops who wore red-bordered  
black epaulets. The fence surrounding the barracks installation had  
been largely replaced by a board fence two meters high. Soldiers  
25X1 worked on four trucks standing at the armory. Motor vehicles  
[redacted] were identified in the billeting  
25X1 area. (5)

6. The Horn Kaserne was occupied by 400 to 500 troops wearing red-  
bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 23 October, about 25  
soldiers were seen undergoing close combat exercises. The noise  
25X1 heard from the tank garages sounded as if assembly work on tanks  
was done there. Motor vehicles [redacted]  
25X1 were seen at the barracks installation. (6)

7. The Liethen Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-  
bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank and artillery insignia.  
On 21 October, eight to ten soldiers were seen engaged in aiming practice  
with four 76.2-mm guns. Two canvas-covered tanks were parked in front  
of the armory. On 24 October, about 40 unarmed soldiers were seen engaged  
in infantry training and ten soldiers doing callisthenics. In the garages,  
25X1 work was being done on tanks. A turret was being taken off one tank by  
a crane. About 20 soldiers were being instructed on two 76.2-mm guns in  
25X1 front of the garage. Motor vehicles [redacted]  
[redacted] were identified in the billeting area. T-34 tank [redacted] and trucks  
25X1 [redacted] occupied by six to eight soldiers wearing  
red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation. (6)

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Comments.

- (1) The information indicates that the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by units of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32nd, consisting of 85-mm heavy AAA batteries and 37-mm light AAA batteries. The information confirms previous reports [redacted] stating that the barracks installation had been vacated by the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Wehr Army in August 1950 and that it was reoccupied by elements of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32nd, of the GOR in October 1950.
- (2) According to a report of 10 October 1950 [redacted] the components of the 7th Gds Wehr Div from the Buelow Kaserne had returned to their quarters by that time. [redacted]
- (3) No changes since the last report of 20 October 1950 [redacted]
- (4) According to a previous report [redacted] tank elements of the 7th Gds Wehr Div returned to the Hindenburg Kaserne between 10 and 12 October 1950. [redacted]
- (5) No changes since the last report of 20 October 1950 [redacted] A report of 10 November 1950 [redacted] stated that officers, probably officer replacements, who arrived in Frankfurt/Oder aboard the leave train from Prost Litovsk had been picked up by trucks and brought to the Hofbauer Kaserne for reassignment to new posts. [redacted]
- (6) Tank components of the 7th Gds Wehr Div returned to the Horn Kaserne and the Miethen Kaserne on 17 and 18 October 1950. [redacted] The present report indicates that the bulk of the components of the 7th Gds Wehr Div had returned to the post from field exercises by the end of October 1950.
- (7) [redacted] 288th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Wehr Div in Frankfurt/Oder up to 16 October 1950.

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